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TAGS: ESTC, COCOM, UK

SUBJECT: UK PROPOSALS FOR REVISION OF COCOM CRITERIA
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FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH BE ADDED TO CRITERIA:

"ITEMS ARE INCLUDED ON THE LIST IF THEIR EXPORT TO
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2. UK WOULD FURTHER ADD FOLLOWING SUB-PARAGRAPH (C) TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURES IN COCOM DOC. REG (73) 3:

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3. UK WOULD ALSO ADD FOLLOWING PHRASE TO PREAMBULATORY PARAGRAPH L TO THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES: "SUCH OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS AS MAY BE RELEVANT TO THE PROPOSAL:"

4. USDEL WILL NOTE THAT UK PROPOSALS SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THE REVISED PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY UK IN MAY, L974.

5. EMBASSY INDICATED IT IS UK INTENTION TO GIVE PROPOSALS TO OTHER COCOM MEMBERS BY END OF JULY WITH A VIEW TO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS DURING THE AUTUMN. EMBASSY MADE CLEAR UK RECEPTIVE TO A FURTHER ROUND OF INFORMAL OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH US BEFORE END OF JULY IF IF US WISHED TO SUGGEST THIS. WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS DONE THEY SUGGEST MORE FORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS IN EARLY 1977 WITH A VIEW TO FORMAL TABLING OF PROPOSALS IN COCOM ABOUT APRIL 1977. THE UK ENVISAGES THAT THE NEXT LIST REVIEW WOULD THEN BE HELD ON BASIS OF REVISED CRITERIA.

6. WE HAVE REPLIED TO BRITISH ON INFORMAL BASIS NOTING THAT WE WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DISCUSS CRITERIA AND CHANGES IN EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURE AT A LATER DATE BUT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE FOR THE BRITISH TO PASS CONFIDENTIAL

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7. IN RESPONSE TO ANY INITIATIVE FROM UKDEL, USDEL MAY

STATE THAT UK CORRECT (AS NOTED BY BRIDGES IN HIS PRESENTATION) THAT WE HAVE BEEN REVIEWING OUR PROCEDURES AND POSSIBILITY OF CHANGES IN COCOM, BUT THIS REVIEW ONLY IN EARLY STAGES. (DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS STILL UNDER EXAMINATION IN DEFENSE AND EARB COMPLIANCE STUDY, WHICH COULD HAVE A BEARING ON US PROPOSALS IN COCOM, STILL IN PROCESS.) WE THEREFORE CANNOT SAY AT THIS TIME WHEN WE CAN GIVE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS.

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